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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police.)

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Serial Nos. 162

Investiture of Asst Pri-
hief Superviser of the Mining Companies
with police powers

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(III. Police)

NOTES.

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FILE HEADING.

Investiture of Mr S. Pritchard, Chief Supervisor of the Mining Companies Watch Establishment, Kolar Gold Fields, with certain police powers.

om The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

No. 4477-470 Dated 8-2-05 Received [illegible]-2-05.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for orders copies of letters from the Dy Comr, Kolar & Sir John Lambert, Representative of the Gold Mining Companies in the Kolar Gold Fields regarding the investiture of Mr Sydney Pritchard with police powers viz: with powers of a Police Constable to make arrests & searches.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Relor 11.2.05

Submit for orders. Mr Pritchard is the Chief Supervisor of the Watch Establishment of the Kolar Gold Fields maintained at the Expense of the Mining Companies and is recommended to be invested with the powers of a Police Officer within the mining

Where else powers also, such as prevention of offences, S. 149, etc. to be taken? K S C

...ma, i.e. power to make arrests and searches under the provisions of Sections 52 + 98 of the Criminal Procedure Code. This will have to be done by the District Magistrate by issuing a certificate as prescribed in Rule 15 of the Regular Police Rules, by virtue of which Mr. Pritchard will exercise the powers, functions + privileges of a police officer, in subordination to the District ~~Supdt for orders~~ Superintendent of Police M. G. Howard the Dy Commr of the District ~~& the Cargo~~ 2

SP 12/2/05

2. The desirability of inserting the said Officer of the Company with police powers has first to be considered by Govt.

~~Sent~~ K. S. Chandra Sekhara Aiyar 13-2-05

3 ~~Submitted to the Devan Sahib through the 2 Councillors.~~ The question is if he will be amenable to ~~duty~~ discipline like other police Constables. B. R. Venkat Rama Aiyar 13/2/1905

13-2-05

4 Steps are being taken to get Pritchard ~~sworn in~~ as Police men. The Police force in Attingal is ~~to be~~ fairly strong and Pritchard ~~must be~~ ~~under~~ ~~the~~ ~~Sub~~ ~~Magistrate~~ ~~of~~ ~~Attingal~~ ~~and

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[illegible] the addition of a single officer will be beneficial to the Public Service certificate Mr Pritchard may be appointed a Police Officer and when so appointed he may exercise the powers conferred under section 54, 58 & 59 C.P.C. Both the Commissioners of Police recommend that Mr Pritchard be invested with the above powers evidently because he is at the head of the Detachment. If the appointment of Mr Pritchard be given effect to it will be necessary to depute some other officer to act as Superintendent of Police during the absence of Mr Pritchard on leave.

C. M. 16/2/05

16/2/05

17/2/05

5. As desired personally by the Resident at Today's Council meeting,

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I submit for appl. a draft reference to the Residency.

K. S. Chandra Sekhara Aiyar
25/11/05

~~Draft submitted by the Dubash Sahib~~

B. K. Venkat Varada Ayengar
25-2-1905

Submitted to His Highness.

The draft letter to the Residency explains the circumstances of the case and maybe altered - Also the experiments is worth making & I have no objection. But personally yet I would the law must be made clear Provision will be made in the draft Bill under consideration -

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Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Draft to the Residency proposing to invest Mr.Sidney Pritchard, the Chief Supervisor of the Watch Staff of the Companies, with Police powers to be exercised in the mining area, K.Gold Fields.

Order.

7. Approved

KRtV

28/2/85

8. Write very early

WMP

28.II.85

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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2 To The F. A. Resident, in Mysore

Letter. Pol. no: 742/Police 136-2, dated 1.3.05.

Proposes to invest Messrs Prita with ordinary police powers and enquires whether there are any precedents of honorary appointments in the British Police force and whether such an appointment requires the previous sanction of the Govt of India.

3 From the same.

Letter no: 1352 dated 7th March 1905.

States that the above proposal is strictly legal but is of much administrative value; that the investiture of private persons with police powers is something like those given to the Agents of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and observes that such an appointment does not fall under Article 12 of the Instrument of Transfer but resembles the case of any European Municipal Commissioner.

9/11. Draft put up & submd to Secy
T. T.
10/3/05

M. Shama Rao
11.3.05

Draft placed before the Dewan Sahib thro' the Secretariat
P. R. Venkat

G.R.S. 12]

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10 & 11.

Draft may please

C.M. 14/3/05.

The Devansahib has sent word to say that the draft should be passed at once without being sent to him again at once only

B K. Venkat Varadaiengar
4.3.1905

Govt. Pro: No. J 2633-4 / Police 136-4 dated the 14th March 1905, to the Dt. Magte, Kolar & the Inspector General of Police.

Observes that the grant of the powers of a Police Constable to Mr. Pritchard will to some extent strengthen the hands of the Dt. Supdt. of Police in his efforts to prevent & detect crime on the fields and that the Govt have no objection to give the proposal a trial for a brief period, and directs the Dt. Magte, Kolar, to invest Mr. Pritchard with the powers of an officer in charge of Police Station, under Rules 4. 11 & 15 of the Mysore Regular Police Rules, the powers to be exercised within the mining area for a period of one year in subordination to the Dy Comt & the Dt. Supdt of Police.

Subd

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submitted for orders.

A copy of the Police Rules which was forwarded with this office letter No. Pol. 742 d. 1-3-05 has not been returned. As this is the only authorized copy available in the Branch, a draft letter to the Residency for the return of the same is put up for approval of the Dy Secy 18/3/05

SN
18/3/05

Dy Secy

2/3/05

Approved
22.3.1905

Political No 796 dated the 22nd March 1905 to the F.A. Resident.

Informs him of the above ~~contents of the letter with powers of an S.H.O. requesting him to return the copy of the Police Rules forwarded to him with Serial No. 2 No 1893 dated the 29th March 1905 from the F.A. Resident, Gn. 1~~

~~Returns the copy of the Rules & requests a copy of the same may be furnished for record in this office. Subd for orders. The Residency wants for record a copy of the Mysore~~

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Police
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1 Serial No: 1

From:

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore.
Genl. and Rev. Depts.

Dated.

Despatched. 8th February 1905

Received.

General No 447 / 22 / 1
No. 470 / 11

Enclosure No

Stating that in view of strength existing the hands of Mr: Thomas Dt: Supdt: of Police K.G.F. Gold Fields & in view of enhancing the usefulness of Mr: Prichard in the detection of crime, the latter may be given Police powers within the area.

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Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore
Dated. Camp Fort. 5th February 1905.
Bangalore

No 4477/4702

From,

F. E. L. Lavie Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore,

To,

B. K. Venkatāvaradaiengar Esquire,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

S No 1

In forwarding herewith the copy of letter No 3989/3187 dated 31st January 1905 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District with its enclosure dated 28th January 1905 from Sir John Lambert, I have the honor to state that I fully

Concur

Concur in the views expressed by both these Gentlemen, that it would greatly Strengthen the hands of Mr Thomas, as the officer responsible for the prevention and detection of crime on the Gold Field, and greatly enhance the usefulness of Mr Pritchard, his subordinate in the watch and Detective Establishments, paid for by the mining Companies, if the latter was given Police powers within the mine area. 2

Neither Sir John Lambert, nor the Deputy Commissioner, define what they mean by "police powers", but I presume that they consider it would be sufficient for Mr Pritchard to be invested with the ordinary powers of a Police Constable, ie empowered to arrest without warrant in cognizable cases, power to conduct Searches etc.

Mary

May I request you to kindly move Government to give the above suggestion their favourable and early consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Servant,

Inspector General of Police.

1905.

[Enclosure to the above.]

Letter No: 3989, d/ 31-1-05,

From 3187

K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

To,

F. E. b. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

Dated. 31st January 1905.

Despatched.

Received.

General No 3989
No 3187.

Enclosure. one

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of letter dated 28th January 1905 - addressed to me by Sir John Lambert K. C. I. E., in his Capacity as the Representative of the Companies working Gold mines on the Kolar Field under the management

of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons. He recommends that the powers of a Police officer be conferred on the Chief Supervisor of the Companies' watch — Establishment consisting of some 505 men all told.

2. Sir John Lambert who organised the Police on the field and who is intimately acquainted with the working of the several departments of the force, has fully explained in his letter the necessity for investing the Companies' Chief Supervisor Mr Pritchard with Police powers within the mining area.

3. The establishment over which Mr Pritchard presides is responsible for the watch and ward of the mines and therefore constitutes an — auxiliary to the Police force though it is paid by the Companies and is entirely under their management. Its numerical strength is greater than that of the Police maintained by Government and costs the Companies 1½ lacs of rupees a year. The District Superintendent of Police has a general control

over this watch establishment for Police purposes. The mutual relations between this staff and the Detective and Regular Police are often matters of great delicacy and jealousy, which I am glad to say Mr Thomas, the District Superintendent of Police, has by his personal influence managed with great tact and without friction. But I am aware of instances where Mr Pritchard has been seriously handicapped in his work by the want of Police powers or any recognised status as a Police Officer. He could not take prompt action in making arrests or searches where time was of great moment and delay prejudicial to successful detection. Sometimes the Regular Police have looked askance at him and not given him the —

Co-operation.

co-operation and help which he had a right to expect. The Detective establishment being directly under Government officers though paid from Companies' funds, Mr. Pritchard's relations with them remain undefined and consequently unsatisfactory.

4. For the proper co-ordination of the functions of the three Separate bodies which constitute the Police, I am of opinion that it is necessary to strengthen this link in the chain of Police work on the Field, and with this object in view I would strongly support the recommendation made by Sir John Lambert that Mr. Sidney Pritchard be invested with the powers of a Police officer within the mining area viz power to make arrests and conduct Searches.

5. Mr Pritchard will still be the Head of watch establishment and he will take part in the work of the Detective department. He will have no authority over the Regular Police. In the exercise of his Police powers he will be the subordinate of the Deputy Commissioner and the District Superintendent of Police. From what I know of Mr Pritchard, I have every confidence that he will use his powers with discretion and for the good of the mining interests. The grant of the power will, I feel sure, have a salutary effect in strengthening the hands of the District Superintendent of Police who has the difficult task of working the 3 separate bodies of men on distinct lines each operating as a check on the

6. If you see no objection to the proposal, I beg you will be so good as to move the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and obtain early orders in the matter as Sir John Lambert wishes to know the result of this reference before he leaves India in March next.

I have etc.

(Signed) K. P. Puttanna Chetty.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

Copy

Inspector General of Police

(Sub-enclosure.)

Letter dated 28-1-05, from Sir J. T. Lambert, K.C.I.E.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

From

Sir John Lambert K.C.I.E.
Mavilipparam
28th January 1905

Sir

As representative of the Companies working Gold mines on the Kolar Fields and the management of Messrs John Taylor & Sons, I have in consultation with Mr. P. B. Thomas Superintendent of Police, been considering matters connected with late Police Administration.

On the Gold Field, Police organisation has, as you are aware, a system of its own: —

There are 3 bodies, preventive & detective: —

(1) The Regular Police
(2) The Government Detective Branch paid by the Companies
(3) The Companies watch Establishment

The aim of the Superintendent of Police

as been to work these two bodies in harmony as a whole, but on distinct lines; each operating as a check on the other. Whatever in the system actually in force tends towards these ends, is good; whatever does not so tend, needs amendments.

In recent years the companies have improved and augmented their watch establishments at great cost. The present strength is 505 men, Punjabi and Local; the annual cost is nearly 1½ lacs of Rupees.

The last step taken to secure better efficiency was the appointment in April last of a European gentleman to work under the Superintendent of Police, as chief Supervisor of Watch Staff.

Mr Thomas fully recognizes how important a factor in good police administration is the Watch Staff. He finds that this new appointment has strengthened his hands greatly - that there is stricter supervision over the Watchmen and the Detectives, and less friction.

The weak points are:

1) That the Chief Superintendent, though recognized by the Detective Branch, yet has no status defining his relations with them;
2) That for want of police powers he is frequently debarred from taking prompt personal action in important gold cases.

The remedy now asked for is, that the Chief Superintendent of Watchmen be vested with police powers within the mines area.

As regards the fitness of the present incumbent to hold such powers, there is happily no conflict of opinion. Mr Sydney Pritchard, the gentleman in question, is in all respects thoroughly qualified to be so vested. To quote Mr Thomas' words "he possesses exceptional natural aptitude for work of the nature required". His experience as a Coffee Planter now stands him in good stead; he knows the vernacular, and is a most tactful manager of natives.

The proposal merely amounts to this: Mr Pritchard will still be the Companies Officer as the Head of the Watch Establishment, and he will still take part in the work of the Detective Department, — a continuance of the

the arrangement now in force, only with better effect, by reason of the grant of Police powers.

The present system will strengthened not disturbed.

The proposal now made is, I perceive in agreement with the views of Government of India Communicated in September that the Control of the Watchmen comprises part of the ordinary duties of the Superintendent of Police, with Police Powers the chief officer of the Companies will be in a better position to assist the Superintendent in this branch of his duties

Of course in the exercise of such powers Mr Pritchard will be the Subordinate of the Deputy Commissioner, the Police Superintendent.

Mr Thomas strongly advocates the proposal now put forward.

I trust, that it will have your support as calculated to strengthen police organisation and in forwarding this letter I would beg you to intimate, that, as I am returning England in March next, I hope I may favoured with the views of the Government some little time before I leave Mayfield

Copy.

I am, Sir
your obed't Sv
Ed, J Lambert

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Letter No. Pol No. 742, Encl. 2

Dated 1-3-1905

To

The First Assistant to the

Hon'ble the Resident in

Mysore.

Sir, Bridge 2

I am directed to state that Sir John Lambert, K.C.I E., as the representative of the Mining Companies on the Kolar Gold Fields under the management of Messrs John Taylor and Sons, has moved His Highness' Government to invest Mr Sidney Pritchard, the Chief Supervisor of the Watch staff of the Companies, with police powers to be exercised by him within the mining area in subordination to the Police Superintendent of the Fields and to the Deputy Commissioner of the District. ~~The~~ grounds on which Sir John Lambert bases his recommendations are set out in his letter of the 28th January last addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, a copy of which is enclosed for information. He has not defined what he means by "police powers"but it is presumed that he would consider it sufficient for Mr.Pritchard to be invested with the ordinary powers of a police constable, that is, power to arrest without warrant in cognizable cases, to ~~arrest~~ seize property to prevent the commission of cognizable offences, and the like. The grant of the above powers will no doubt to some extent strengthen the

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Letter No. 1352, 47-3-05,

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8/3/05

From

R. C. H. MOSS. KING, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Pol no: 1436 8-3-05

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 2nd March 1905

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Venkatavaradiengar's letter Pol No. 742, dated 1st March 1905, regarding a proposal to invest Mr. Sidney Pritchard, Chief Supervisor of the Watch Establishment of the Mining Companies on the Kolar Gold Fields, with police powers to be exercised by him within the mining area, in subordination to the Police Superintendent of the Fields and to the District Magistrate.

2. The investiture of private persons with Police powers under special circumstances does not appear to the Resident to be opposed to the legal principles governing Police administration in India. On the contrary, such a course has received distinct legal recognition in Sections 17 to 19 of the Madras City Police Act, III of 1888 and of the India Police Act, V of 1861. While therefore the principle is well known, there seems to be nothing in the Mysore Police Rules which in this particular case militates against the proposed appointment of Mr. Pritchard as a Police officer within the Mines area.

The Durbar have asked for precedents but in the opinion

opinion of the Resident these are not really necessary. The circum stances of the Kolar Gold Fields are exceptional and exceptional treatment is therefore appropriate in this case, but, if precedents are sought for, I am to remind you that it is well known that the Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have in some parts of British India, been invested with some, at any rat of the powers of a Police Officer for dealing with cases of cruelty to animals.

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter under acknowledgment I am to say that, as Mr. Pritchard will not be paid by the Mysore Durbar and will not be "employed in their service". in any sense, the proposed appointment does not fall within the purview of Article 12 of the Instrument of Transfer. In the Resident's opinio this case stands very much on the same footing as that of any European who may be appointed a Municipal Commissioner under the Mysore Municipal Regulations.

5. In these circumstances I am to say that Sir James can confidently advise the Durbar to direct the District Magistrate of Kol acting under Rules 4, 11 and 15 of the Mysore Regular Police Rules, to invest Mr. Pritchard with the powers of an officer in charge of a Police station within the Mines area, since the Resident is of opini that, while such an appointment is unexceptionable on legal grounds, it would prove to be of much administrative value.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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Diary No. of letter replied to

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

, the 14/3/ 1905

Date of issue 14/3/05

Signed by H.B.K. Venkata Varadaniyaya

READ.—

Letter No. 4477/470, dated the 8th Feb. 1905, from the Inspr General of Police in Mysore, recommending the investiture of Mr Sydney Pritchard with pol powers, that is, with the powers of a Police Constable, to make arrests and searches within the mining area of the Kolar Gold Fields and forwarding copies of letters received by him from the Deputy Comm of the Kolar Dist: and from

over

SUBJECT

Sir John Lambert, Representative of the ~~Gold~~ Kolar Gold Mining Companies.

To the Ry of Police & the Dy Magte, Kolar Dt

Order Thereon. J 2633-4 dated 14 March 1901

Police 186-4

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Sir John Lambert, as representative of the Mining Companies ~~of~~ on the Kolar Gold Fields, under the management of Messrs John Taylor & Sons, requested that Mr Sydney Pritchard, the Chief Superintendent of the ~~Companies~~ Watch Establishment, maintained by the companies at an annual cost of nearly 1½ lacs of Rupees ~~by the Companies~~, ~~may~~ might be invested with police powers to be exercised by him within the mining area, in subordination to the Police Superintendent of ~~the~~ Gold Fields and to the Deputy Commr of the District.

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

He did not define what he meant by "police powers" but it is presumed that he would consider it sufficient for Mr Pritchard to be invested with the ordinary powers of a police constable that is, power to arrest without warrant in cognizable cases, to seize property, to prevent the commission of cognizable offences and the like. The chief grounds on which Sir John Lambert makes the above recommendation are (1) that the Chief Superintendent recognized by the Detective Branch has no statute defining his relations with it, & (2) that for want of police powers, he is frequently debarred from taking prompt personal action in important cases of theft of gold. Both the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy

Comm^r concur in the view
expressed by Sir John
Lambert and give their support
to the proposal made.
The grant of the powers of
a police constable to Mr Pritchard
will no doubt to some extent
strengthen the hands of the
District Superintendent of
Police in his efforts to
prevent and detect crime
in the Gold Fields and Govt
have no objection to
give the proposal a
trial for a ~~short~~ brief
period. The Dist.
Magistrate of Kolar will
therefore under Rules 94 & 11 of
~~[illegible]~~ 15 of the Mysore
Regular Police Rules invest
Mr Pritchard with the
powers of an officer in
charge of a Police Station,
to be exercised within
the Mining area, for
a One year, in subordination to
~~the Inspector General of~~
~~Police and~~ the Deputy
Comm^r and the Dist. Superintendent of Po
Mr Pritchard though
authorized by these
proceedings to be

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

invested with the said powers, will still continue be considered to be employed in the service of the mining Companies and not in that of the Mysore Durbar.

B. K. Varadaraja Iyengar
Secretary.

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The D.C. of Police in Mysore
& the Magistrate, Kolar

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General and Rev. Secretariat

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Date of issue 22 - 3 - 1905.

Signed by C B K Venkata-
varada Iyengar

Letter, Pol: No. 796, dd 22-3-05

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to ac-
knowledge with ~~thanks~~ the
receipt of your letter No. 1352
dated the 7th March 1905,
regarding the purpose of the
Sydney Pritchard, Chief Inspec-
tor of the Watch Establish-
ment of the Mining Companies
on the Kolar Gold fields with
the powers to be exercised within
the mining area and to
state that orders have been

over.

SUBJECT.

issued ~~under my hand~~ with the p
the Officer in charge of a Po
tation under rules 4, 11 and 1
the Regular Police Rules as ~~finally~~ ~~passed~~ ~~adopted~~.
d by the Hon'ble the Resident.

2. I am to request that a copy of the Mysore Police Rules, which was forwarded with my letter No. Political 742 dated the 14th March 1905, ~~has not been returned and I am requested that the same~~ may kindly be returned.

I have etc

2.3.1905

Secretary

List of enclosure.
Nil
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27/3/05

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Rules 18/3/05.

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Examined by